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TAGS: WMO, MV

SUBJ: WINDFINDING RADAR SYSTEM FOR MALDIVES

1. EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO PROBLEM IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MALDIVES (GOM) IN REGARD TO WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO) REQUEST FOR USG, SPECIFICALLY NOAA, TO UNDERTAKE PLACEMENT OF A BALLOON TRACKING WIND FINDER SYSTEM IN MALDIVES. MARCUS W. BROOKS TRAVEL TO MALDIVES IN DECEMBER 1977 FOR THIS PURPOSE IS THEREFORE APPROVED.

2. THERE ARE NO ENTRY REQUISITES FOR OFFICIAL OR OTHER TRAVEL TO THE MALDIVES. ENTRY PERMITS ARE ROUTINELY ISSUED ON ARRIVAL AT MALE.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS MR. BROOKS SCHEDULE MINIMUM TWO DAYS CONSULTATION IN COLOMBO ENROUTE TO MALDIVES AND TWO DAYS IN COLOMBO AT CONCLUSION OF HIS TALKS WITH GOM. THIS SHOULD ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR CONSULTATION WITH BOTH EMBASSY AND UNDP REPRESENTATIVE HERE.

4. DCM 28 NOVEMBER REVIEWED FOREGOING WITH UNDP ACTING RESIDENT REP S.K. BANNERJEE WHO WAS WELL-ACQUAINTED WITH PROJECT AND VOLUNTEERED THE FOLLOWING:

5. WHO SWISS VAP ADVISOR BERGER RESIDENT IN COLOMBO WILL BE  
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PLEASED ASSIST BROOKS. BROOKS MAY COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY VIA UNDP TELEX ADDRESS "UNDEVPRO COLOMBO 12120 REPEAT 12120." NO WMO PERSONNEL AMONG NINE UNDP ADVISORS RESIDENT MALDIVES. HOWEVER, ICAO CIVIL AVIATION ADVISOR KNOWLEDGEABLE AND HELPFUL AND LOCATED NEAR PROBABLE BROOKS SITE. LATEST WORD FROM GENEVA IS THAT GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES LIKELY BECOME REGULAR WMO MEMBER IN NEAR FUTURE.

6. BANARJEE NOTED EXTRAORDINARY DIFFICULTIES AND DELAYS IN COMMUNICATINS AND SHIPMENTS TO MALDIVES. HE SUGGESTED ALL BROOKS MATERIAL BE SENT ASAP BY AIR FREIGHT IN PACKAGES SMALL ENOUGH TO BE LOADED INTO AVRO VIA COLOMBO WITH THROUGH AIRWAY BILL TO MALE. UNDP SHOULD BE ADDRESSEE ON ALL SHIPMENTS. BANARJEE ENDEAVORING VISIT MALDIVES NEXT WEEK AND WILL INFORM GOM OF BROOKS PROBABLE ARRIVAL AND MISSION.

7. AFTER DRAFTING FOREGOING, DCM WAS CALLED BACK BY BANNERJEE TO REPORT RECEIPT OF TELEX FROM WMO ANNOUNCING DECEMBER 6 OR 7 ARRIVAL OF BROOKS IN COLOMBO. BANNERJEE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING BROOKS IN MALE. BERGER WILL WELCOME BROOKS IN COLOMBO AND ACCOMPANY TO EMBASSY FOR COURTESY CALL.  
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